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## MEREDITH NOMINATED.

THE nomination of Judge James A. Meredith for the Republican party candidate for supreme court judge comes as no surprise. There was no question of his nomination at any time. The Republican party is honored to place such a man in nomination and the entire constituency expected nothing else from the state convention.

Judge Meredith is more than a party man, though he is loyal to the last fibre to his party, he is imminently a "people's man." He numbers his friends by thousands in West Virginia, and they come from the poor and the rich, from classes and from the mass—he commands therefore the respect and the confidence of all alike regardless of party or creed. Only a big man can do this, and only a man sincere to his core, and trustworthy to the last degree.

A supreme judgeship bears with it grave responsibility and proud distinction. Judge Meredith has ably filled his office as a supreme judge during the past months he has served by appointment of the governor. He will continue thus to serve if elected next fall, and there is not the slightest doubt of his being elected. The Republican party is proud to place his name on the ticket.

## WOMEN ARE PROGRESSIVE

THE Pennsylvania League of Women Voters have been making a thorough survey of the legislative tendencies of the candidates coming into the field for election and report with satisfaction that progressive measures will be favored.

The League of Women Voters in Pennsylvania is an up-standing organization and is intensively interested in ousting some of the old order of political and legislative tommy-rot and substituting something substantial and forward looking. Wherever the women have taken hold with purpose they are backing the need for measures and laws that conform with the needs and the demands of the present. The women have no political traditions growing all over them like grey tree moss, nor are they trammelled with precedence and before the war misgivings. It is nothing in the eyes of the women that certain laws and certain rules have prevailed even unto this present day; they only hear the outcry of the public in ever increasing volume for progressive action. The women are indebted to no one, under obligations to no one. They, in thousands of instances, look at the man and fail utterly to look at the ticket. In fact, when organized and sincere, they can engineer things their way, and their way is the progressive way, and their sympathies for effective, modern laws and measures.

The League of Women Voters in Pennsylvania has made an exhaustive report upon the attitude of every candidate running for the state legislature and when the legislature assembles a committee from the League will be on hands to watch proceedings.

## FAIRMONT RED CROSS MIGHT DO THIS

IN a number of cities the Red Cross has been holding re-union picnics. One scheduled for Kenwood Park by the Pittsburgh chapter of the American Red Cross is illustrative of this kind of gathering, in which 89 chairmen of the various branches, 141 of the auxiliaries, and about 800, precinct chairmen are cooperating to make the occasion a memorable one.

Fairmont Chapter could hold a highly successful Red Cross re-union if the membership were to become interested. At one time 12,000 persons were enrolled in the Red Cross in Marion County. The organization penetrated every small community and there were numerous active circles at work in the city. So much of interest transpired during these high-keyed days of the war that a general

gathering together of those who participated in the affairs of the organization, would find much to reminisce over, and many stories both pathetic and amusing to relate.

A reunion of the Red Cross workers of Marion County would assemble one of the greatest crowds that ever gathered in the county. The women could resurrect their outfits, the soldiers happily back home again, safe and sound, could be the guests of honor and the whole affair could carry the people back again to that time of comradeship when the whole population left at home worked as a unit toward a single aim. It would be a fine thing to stir up cooperative spirit. To renew again that sentiment of solidarity which many things have crept in to disintegrate; to make the people realize that no matter what differences may arise in the continual stress of existence that, after all, these differences are small and futile indeed, and can be, and are, swept aside as a feather when great dangers menace. When real trouble comes, a united people will ever face the really big things as one.

A Red Cross reunion picnic would also give opportunity to show the old membership who grieved the Red Cross when the war ended, that great activities still go on, and fine things are daily accomplished, not only on fields of disaster, fire and flood, but here in Marion County, right at home. Many members have gone back into the old ruts of indifference to the incessant demand of the Red Cross, have closed their doors on the things that lie outside their own front gate—a Red Cross reunion would kindle new fires of interest. It would be worth trying, eminently so.

## BALFOUR RIGS HIS SLATE

EARL Balfour was not at all frank in his address to the other allied nations on the subject of cancellation of debts. His suggestion that debts be cancelled all around, or as newspaper headlines have been pleased to express it, that the 'slate be wiped clean' leaves the impression that he was proposing for the United States nothing different from what he proposed for Great Britain, France, Belgium or any other nation.

The fact is, however, that the circumstances are not identical. Great Britain is not only a creditor but a debtor. The United States is a creditor only. If Great Britain should cancel \$2 of uncollectable debt due her and in return therefor have the United States cancel \$1 of collectable debt due from Great Britain to this country, Great Britain would be so much the gainer. This country, on the other hand, has no creditor which it could also ask to cancel an obligation. This "wiping the slate clean" would, therefore, mean that all other nations would be relieved of their obligations while the American people would be left to tax themselves to raise the \$11,000,000 to pay the obligations issued in the form of Liberty Bonds as a means of raising the money which we loaned to Great Britain and the other allied nations.

When all of the parties to transactions occupy the position of both debtor and creditor, the striking of balances is a convenient and an entirely just method of settling accounts. If Jones owes Smith and Smith owes Johnson and Johnson owes Jones, the circle of indebtedness can be liquidated by each of them cancelling an equal amount of debt. But if each creditor did not also owe an equal amount the process of cancellation would very clearly leave the first creditor a loser.

It is a notable circumstance that a large number of prominent newspapers, most of them advocates of the league of nations and closely in sympathy with the international bankers, have presented to their readers Earl Balfour's suggestion concerning the mutual cancellation of debts but have failed at the same time to call the attention of their readers to the fact that the United States is not a debtor and, therefore, not in a position to share in the benefits of the cancellation scheme. A newspaper that will thus unfairly present a case of the disadvantage of its own country and its own readers lays itself open to suspicion of being under the control of foreign influences. Whether this control be due to foreign ownership or merely to a sympathetic interest in the welfare of foreign countries makes little difference to the American reader. The citizen of the United States who pays his good money for an American newspaper has a right to the assurance that the paper he receives will at least not give him information that deceives him to his own injury.

The railroad union will of course have a warm squad of friends among those hundreds of travelers who have been roasting in the desert for some days. Public sympathy is always the deciding factor in the end for any cause, and leaving distracted travelers in the center of a desert is a fine way to cultivate it.

Lord Northcliffe has his bitter enemies, many of them, and no doubt he advocated to his public certain things that did hamper and greatly embarrass England at times during her war—but, after all, he was a fearless man—fearless enough to speak his honest convictions even though the English administration burned his papers in the streets and his fellow members of the press were rabid in denunciation. Northcliffe was no coward, and his death will be felt in England in no half measures—intense relief on the part of his enemies and intense grief on the part of his friends.

Brigade," said Mr. Public. "You know how the revised version goes, as amended by the major, don't you? Like this: 'When all the com was through 'You'd lost it, one to two, 'But—oh, what a vote you drew! 'Noble Izzetta!'

"When all the count was through hopefully, 'that he only after her her—well, the people who vote for her?'

"To put it frankly," said Mr. Public, "support is what he is after. Mr. Neely knows he has about one chance in a hundred of beating Sutherland and he's going to line 'em all up. He needs all the supporters he can acquire between now and election day."

"Oh, thank you so much for them kind words," said the Maid, gratefully.

"What I came to ask you about, though," said Mr. Public, "is: Do you think Fire Chief Watkins is a good man for the job? You know Mr. Knight said he wasn't."

"Yes," said Mr. Public, "but cheer up, Jussie, old girl; Mrs. Browns down there, too, and she'll look after him."

"That's just what I'm afraid of," said the Maid, threatening tears. "I'm afraid that Brown woman's influence has a strange attraction for the dear old susceptible mame."

"Yeah, and the Brown person is just like the 'Charge of the Light

read in the newspapers is S. E. M.'s daily dribble," snorted Mr. Public. "Pshaw," said the Maid. "S. E. M. writes splendid things—about homes and flowers and birds and bees and chickadees and wampuses. I like her—I think her column is splendid!"

"Good Lord!" cried the exasperated Mr. Public. "I suppose you think, too, that there is an appropriation in the city budget for some new fire equipment and for an up-to-date building code for Fairmont? I suppose you think that the Water street clean-up is anything more than a grand-stand play. I suppose you think blue-berries are red and that onion juice is a delicate perfume!"

"Really," said the Maid, smiling, "you ought to be taken in hand and spanked soundly. You have things all twisted. You yell for fire equipment and a building code and you are the same Mr. Public who refused to sanction a dental clinic because it would make taxes higher." That Water street "thing" is something I don't know about, nor do you. We'll both have to lay low and see what happens. And there are red blue-berries and I can prove it, and there is much to be said in favor of onions. When you've eaten them, you don't have to listen to chronic knockers knock chronically any more. By the way, do you know any more good jokes?" she asked somewhat warily.

"You mean, besides the major on the fire chief and the chief of police," flashed Mr. Public. "Yeah, there's John McKinney and Kip Fleming and—"

"That's right," almost sobbed the Maid. "Go ahead and pick on Kippie just because you know he happens to be my next-best beau."

"The woman wronged resorts to lachrymations," sneered Mr. Public. "Well, go ahead, lady, and continue to pan the city's no nest citizens and to uphold the law-breakers. That's all I got to say. So long!" The Maid gazed after Mr. Public with anything but a kindly expression. Somehow he had spoiled her whole afternoon.

## RUFF STUFF

We are glad the Astonisher told us Miss Poe's poem was "cleverly done." With the A's aid we are able to grasp the fact that Miss Poe is undoubtedly a direct line descendant of the well known and justly famous Edgar Allen.

What was it Amy Lowell once said of her early poems?.....

With leaping meter, limping feet, My pretty poems walked the street.

Ho-hum!

Hear the tele. ed. of the Astonisher is going to report Ruff Stuff to the New York A. P. office for bawling him out for putting a misleading head over the strike story in yesterday morn's Blatter.

Better sue the kolyum for damages, too, Mr. Tele. Ed. We wouldn't let any one reflect on our prowess as a prophet!

Wonder what the church teams think of this thing, anyway?—horseshoes? They seem to lean toward "fingers."

Cheer up! Part of one of the twin strikes is over. Any way it might have been triplets.

Old King Coal will be a merry old soul for a lot of birds here if the mines ever get started.

If Mayor Conaway thinks he's always right he's wrong.

There was an antiquated flapper from Uniontown in police court the other morning who demonstrated that he didn't know everything about women.

Sometimes a woman with a bee in her bonnet gets stung—But this one didn't. She got free passage back to Uniontown. Chief Snider will tell you she had a bee in her bonnet, too.

## Berton Braley's Poem

When you're in love with Some one  
And she's in love with you,  
The world is fair, and every where  
The skies seem bright and blue;  
And on this humdrum planet,  
With lightness feel you tread,  
And undiscovered and untried,  
You face what lies ahead.

The cynic folk may mock you,  
With jeers both loud and long,  
But you don't mind their thoughts  
Unkind.

You know that they are wrong!  
You know that life is golden  
If you will see it so,  
You know there's bliss in every kiss—  
And that's a lot to know.

Your eyes are full of glamor,  
Your pulses are a-flir,  
And all that's worth the while on earth  
Is just wrapped up in Her;

When you're in love with Some one  
And she's in love with you,  
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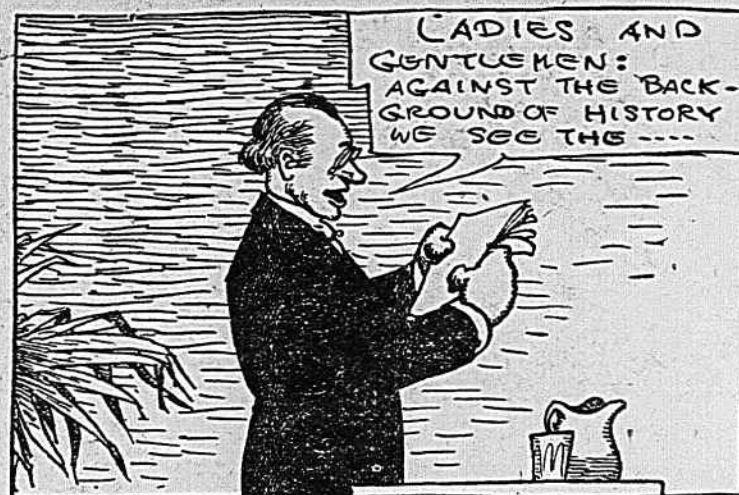
POINCARÉ CONGRATULATED.  
RAMBOULET, France, Aug. 16. (By the Associated Press.)—The French cabinet unanimously approved of the German reparations policy of Premier Poincaré and congratulated him on the stand he took at the London conference of allied premiers.

The Swiss people were the first to date their cologne.

Paris was a fortified town as early as 360 A. D.

## OUTBURSTS of EVERETT TRUE

By CONDO



## WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP

By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 16.—Congressman Lester D. Volk of Brooklyn committed less majesty or something closely like it today, when he vociferated a statement for the public prints on the liquid issue. Still, it remains to be seen whether his colleagues in Congress will take any formal cognizance of his utterance.

Making a percentage division, Member Volk, who is confessedly wet to the extent of light wine and beer, declares that there is in the House 25 per cent of unalterably wet, 25 per cent of unalterably dry, and 50 per cent whose control is political expediency and who are ready to jump on this question with the proverbial cat.

"The Volstead Act would be repealed this fall if the congressmen all voted the way they drink," he said. "That act of bigotry would not remain on the statute books more than a few weeks longer if they had the courage of their thirst. The strong indications of the reaction against the Volstead act will cause a great increase of strength to the wets, but it is doubtful in my mind if there is any chance to have it modified by next summer."

In the meantime, the officials at anti-saloon headquarters are talking jubilantly of their latest victory, peacefully brought about, in having the magnates of vaudeville place an embargo on poking comedy at prohibition. The action was taken following a formal appeal to the theatrical magnates made six weeks ago. Vaudeville is thus deprived of one of its repositories of two, and only two, basic and fundamental jokes. The other one is about the mother-in-law. It has been overshadowed by the cracks of the funny men about the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Law, but is now destined to be depended on in the future to carry the comedy bill exclusively. The wets claim to be getting the enjoyment of some kind of a victory out of this latest theatrical transaction on the theory that a law which doesn't survive being laughed at is surely headed for the discard. It is only a question of time.

It is reported today that the next move of the dries will be to send a similar appeal to Will Hays, prior to his departure for the movies, and request him to cut out of the pictures all scenes of bottles, rummies, and hooch humor in the joke reels. Similar appeals are it is said, to be made to all state censors, and where there is none such, the red-man's act will be invoked, if there is one in the State code, on a liberal interpretation that geying prohibition laws and prohibitionists of the professional paid kind, "tend to corrupt morals or incite to crime."

The question of whether the elk, the most majestic of the deer family, is to follow the buffalo in near-extinction is asked in film form in a new Department of

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the triangle are then shown up to the trailing and killing of an elk by Biller and Biller's arrest by the rangers. The story ends with the statement that the elk can be protected from poachers, but that starvation, the animals' other dangerous foe, can be permanently thwarted only by the provision of adequate winter grazing grounds.

The available winter range in the national forests is far too limited in area to support the great herds that migrate from Yellowstone Park. The greater part of the winter feeding grounds is, also, not within the national forests but under private ownership. The solution of the elk problem, it is said, lies in the purchase of these private lands either by the government or by private subscription.

This proposition has been laid before the national officers of the order of Elks. The tooth of an elk as an emblem of that fraternity orders was interdicted by that organization some years ago. Nevertheless, a pair of elk's teeth is worth \$20 to the poacher who kills an elk to get a pair to sell.

When "Elk Come Down" was photographed last February in the Absaroka National Forest, Montana. The direction by Mr. Perkins and the camera work were done with the thermometer 20 and 30 degrees below zero. There are many scenes in which the elk appear on the snow-covered mountains. Good "close-ups" of the animals were obtained by the use of telephone lenses.

The picture, two reels in length, is being distributed and exhibited largely through the co-operation of organizations interested in perpetuating the elk and other large animals. Elk lodges in many states have held exhibitions of it, but no Elk lodge in West Virginia has yet done so. Prints can be borrowed from the Department of Agriculture, or can be bought outright at manufacturing cost by authorized institutions.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

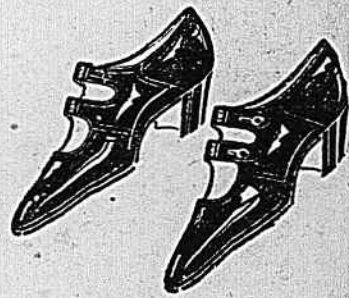
ANOTHER REPLY.

HOULT, Aug. 15.—(Editor, West Virginian).—I have never seen in the "Letters to the Editor" any more unreasonable and intemperate letter than the one the other day entitled "Lost Wages." One or two persons have already answered the writer, the first to merely poke a little sarcastic fun at him. I think Brother Hall took him entirely too serious. Even Solomon says, "Answer a fool according to his folly lest he be wise in his own conceit." This man is the narrowest man, intellectually, I ever heard discuss the labor question. He is so very narrow that he could re-

duce the cucumber originated some 3,000 years ago, probably in India.

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